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For: NUCLEIC ACID ENCODING AN AVIAN *E. COLI* ISS POLYPEPTIDE  
AND METHODS OF USE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to taking up the above-identified patent application for examination, please enter the following amendments.

In The Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 11-13, with the following rewritten paragraph. Per 37 C.F.R §1.121, this paragraph is also shown in Appendix A, with notations to indicate the changes made.

A1

The present invention was made with government support under Grant No. 1R15AI45522-01A1, awarded by National Institutes of Health. The Government has certain rights in this invention.

Please replace the paragraph at page 2, lines 3-15, with the following rewritten paragraph. Per 37 C.F.R §1.121, this paragraph is also shown in Appendix A, with notations to indicate the changes made.

A2

Complement resistance of *E. coli* has generally been reported as related to several potential structural factors including a K1-antigenic capsule (Aguero *et al.*, *Infect. Immun.*, 40:359-368 (1983)), or other capsule type (Russo *et al.*,